

INQUIRE INTO USE OF STATE'S MONEY

Weaver Resolution Will Be Reported To-Day From Finance Committee.

DEBATES AHEAD IN HOUSE

Primary Hearing To-Night. May Be Caucus to Settle Redistricting.

With committee amendments, the Weaver resolution for an inquiry into the business methods of educational and eleemosynary institutions is supported by the public funds, will be reported favorably to the House of Delegates this morning. Mr. Weaver will probably call it up for consideration during the morning hour, and it will in that event be debated.

The House Committee on Finance changed the resolution so as to provide for a committee of only three members—two from the House and one from the Senate. The expenditures are limited to actual traveling expenses. To both these amendments did the patron agree.

Mr. Weaver feels that the proposition has been much misunderstood and misrepresented. It does not refer to any State department, as erroneously stated by the press. He believes there has been a trace of graft. But he does believe that poor business management has been displayed in some institutions and that the money of the public has been thereby wasted. This condition he does not attribute under its present management, to even the State Epileptic Colony, which he used as an example in introducing the resolution.

Will Be Important Week.

No man can tell what the week beginning this morning will bring forth in legislative circles. It is probable that the Senate will pursue the even tenor of its way, passing a few bills and maintaining its position on the lid. But stormy scenes are not at all improbable in the House of Delegates.

First on its calendar is the anti-trading bill, which will meet with opposition. Its fate is uncertain. After the disposition of uncontested material, House bills on their second reading will be reached. Among these, which will bring about debates, is the bill to prevent the operation of criminals and imbeciles, the bill for the establishment of a woman's coordinate college, and the joint resolution proposing the sixteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Jordan, the patron of the prohibition enabling act, was at his home in Isle of Wight county yesterday. When he left the city Saturday he seemed determined to bring the issue of taking the bill out of its order from the front again today. It is believed the opposition is daily growing stronger, in view of the measures championed by other members which they are anxious to see enacted. Then, too, the feeling is growing, as was expressed by several members on Saturday, that an effort is being made to club the House into submission to the will of certain men.

This situation rather pleases the opponents of the bill, especially in view of the fact that the tactics are delaying the coming up of the Jordan bill in its regular order, which is figured will be reached on some day next week, unless the time is consumed in arguments over suspension of the rules of the House.

Primaries To-Night.

The first primary election at the session will be settled in all probability, to-night, when the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will take up the Featherston bill legalizing primary elections. Senator Featherston will accept the amendments placed by the House in the bill in whose preparation he collaborated with Speaker Byrd.

There is strong probability of a joint Democratic caucus to settle the divisions which, as stated in the reports of the hearings before the committee, arose over the proposition to change the composition of the Fifth, Sixth and Ninth Congressional Districts. Some of the Halifax people, especially Mr. Stebbins in the House, do not want to go into the Fifth, while the portion of the Sixth District delegation, especially those in and about Lynchburg, protested vigorously to the committee against losing Halifax and against taking Giles, Bland and Tazewell from the Ninth. There is no doubt that the changes will be made as reported by the committee.

MAY GET SPECIAL TRAIN

Richmond Veterans Already Discussing Return to Macon.

Already the members of R. E. Lee Camp, United Confederate Veterans, are discussing the trip which will be made to Macon, Ga. in May, when the United Confederate Veterans will hold their twenty-second annual reunion. Each year the attendance grows smaller, and it is expected that in a few years not many of the old soldiers will be able to attend the strain of a long railway journey.

Ten years ago Macon would probably not have been considered as a convention city, because it was much smaller then and the attendance was considerably larger than it will be this year. It was said yesterday that the Richmond Veterans are considering the question of chartering a special train over the Southern Railway, on which they will live while in Macon.

It is more than probable that the Southern Railway will be asked to make the route of Lee Camp, and if a special is chartered other Virginia camps will be asked to join in so that this route may be able to make a big showing at the Georgia reunion.

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TIPPING EVIL AT CLUB ENDS WITH DISMISSAL OF WAITER

Members Warned by House Committee That Other Employes Who Accept Fees Must Go, as here is rule again t it

While laws are being suggested to stop the tipping nuisance and various organizations are telling how they intend to knock it out, the house committee of the Business Men's Club has given convincing evidence that in place where 600 business people meet daily for luncheon the thing can be easily ended. When this club first moved into its home on the top floor of the American National Bank Building a rule was promulgated that the waiters were not to be paid in any way for any little work connected with the serving of food. In view of the fact that other waiters in Richmond receive very small salaries, because of the perquisites, the management picked up a trained set of men and paid them double the wage ordinarily paid in this city. Moreover, they worked only six days in the week and on short hours.

For a long time the rule was generally observed, but it was broken in spots, and lately a tipping spirit spread. When a member signed his check and left a little change by his plate the waiter naturally picked it up and put it in his pocket, although he did not advertise the fact by jingling the coins. Members who abided by the rule saw that it might as well be abrogated, for the fee system was growing. Drastic action, however, has been taken, and within the last week one of the oldest and most efficient waiters has been discharged for accepting a tip. This incident has been used by the house committee in warning to the others, and yesterday a circular letter was mailed to all members—there are about 1,000 on the roll—reminding them of the rule and the consequences of every violation. The letter says:

"Within the last week one of the oldest and most efficient waiters in the dining room has been discharged solely because he yielded to the temptation offered him by one of the members and accepted a tip. The policy of the club from the first, forbidding tipping, is one of the club's greatest assets. It has come to the attention of the house committee that there have recently been some violations of this rule, and we respectfully call to the attention of each and every member that it is unfair to the waiter to tempt him with a tip and thereby jeopardize his position, and it is unfair to the other members of the club to give a tip and thereby impair the service. The servants' box at Christmas is the time to tip."

When 300 men are dining at one time it is a big tax on the waiting and kitchen staff, but the organization is such that there is practically no delay at the club. It is not operated as a money-making venture. The management realizes that the waiters are to give first consideration to the people who tip, those who abide by the rules might suffer, so it has decided to break up the evil, or nuisance, or whatever else it is called, right now, and for all time. It is admitted, however, that the members and not the waiters are at fault. Members have simply followed the invariable custom elsewhere in the city, but when they are reminded that faithful servants are not seeking tips will be benefited by accepting them it is believed that the practice will end, and the comfort and pleasure and satisfaction of everybody.

HE DECLINES CALL TO GRACE STREET HOSPITAL READY FOR INSPECTION

Dr. Franklin Regrets That He Cannot Accept Pastorate of Baptist Church.

Members of the Grace Street Baptist Church were greatly disappointed yesterday when it was announced that Rev. John H. Franklin, D. D. of Colorado Springs, Colo., had declined the call extended to him on January 24. In a letter which was received Saturday Dr. Franklin stated that owing to certain conditions it was necessary for him to respectfully decline the invitation to become the pastor of the Grace Street Church.

One of the reasons why the congregation of Grace Street Church was anxious to secure his services was that Dr. Franklin is a native of Virginia, having been born in Appomattox county about forty years ago, a graduate of Richmond College, and is to-day one of the most prominent and brilliant men in the Northern Baptist Convention.

He has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Colorado Springs for the past six years, where he is regarded as a highly acceptable minister and is known as a preacher with modern ideas. He was one of the leaders of the antislavery forces in the fight against the liquor traffic in Colorado about three years ago, and his success in achieving a victory won him unusual popularity.

The pastorate of the Grace Street Church has been vacant since last June, when Rev. David M. Ramsay, D. D., declined to accept the office of president of the General Assembly of the Baptist Church. Since that time the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. John H. Eager, D. D., of Baltimore.

The question of securing a pastor will be again considered at a special meeting of the congregation, which will likely take place in a few days.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Generally Observed in North, but Not in Richmond.

North of the Mason and Dixon line Abraham Lincoln's birthday will be generally observed to-day, but in Richmond the occasion will attract but passing notice. The only evidence of a holiday will be that there will be no stock market quotations, as the exchange in New York will be closed.

All banks and other business houses, State and local Federal offices and the schools will be open as usual.

FINDS HER SON DEAD ON STEPS

James McCulloch Dies, and Con-way Hoffer Expected to Die After Suffering Likewise.

Two men who fell down their front door steps some time Saturday night, one—James McCulloch, of 197 South Boulevard Street—was found dead at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and the other—Conway Hoffer, of 208 North Twentieth Street—in the City Hospital, and will probably die. Both men suffered fractured skulls.

McCulloch's mother heard him when he fell head down under the length of the steps and one of the smaller children down to see if he were still breathing. He had fallen down before, it was said, and a neighbor reported that he was alive and nothing more was thought of the accident until his dead body was found after the family had awakened. Dr. Hatcher, of the City ambulance, was summoned, but McCulloch had been dead. It seemed, for some hours, and all the physician could do was to notify the coroner. McCulloch was twenty-three years old.

Hoffer, who is about forty years old, was picked up from the bottom of the stairway and carried to his home. It was not thought at the time that the accident was serious, but at 10 o'clock yesterday morning he became unconscious and his condition was summarized. His condition was so grave that Dr. Hatcher took him at once to the City Hospital. It was said last night that he had small chance for recovery.

ELIZABETH POE'S GRAVE IS SOUGHT

Raven Society Hopes to Honor Memory of Famous Poet's Mother.

BURIED HER IN RICHMOND

Record Indicates That Body Was Placed Somewhere in St. John's Cemetery.

Although it is regarded here as impossible, the Raven Society, of the University of Virginia, is making an effort to discover and mark the grave of Elizabeth Arnold Poe, Edgar Allan Poe's mother, who was buried in Richmond in 1811. The movement was suggested by H. A. Cowardin, Jr., and the society agrees with him that it should be carried out.

Mr. Cowardin submitted several facts in regard to the death and burial of Elizabeth Poe. She died in Richmond in 1811, and was buried in a pauper's grave. The facts indicate conclusively that she was buried somewhere in the St. John's Cemetery, on Broad Street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth. In the biography of Poe, by Weiss, there is a letter by Mrs. Byrd, granddaughter of Mrs. Makenzie, who adopted Poe's sister after the death of her mother. In this letter it is stated that Mr. Allan and Mrs. Byrd's father "had put away decently at the old church on the hill."

Mr. Cowardin located Elizabeth Poe's boarding place as having been near St. John's Church. Unfortunately the records of the St. John's Cemetery are complete only as far back as 1825, and her grave cannot be located through this source. The city records, however, show only one pauper burial in the year 1811, and this in St. John's Cemetery.

Mr. Cowardin brought out several minor points which seem to show conclusively that the grave of Elizabeth Poe is located somewhere in St. John's Cemetery, and made a suggestion to seek out the grave and mark it.

J. H. Whitty, who has written many interesting and intelligent articles on Poe, said last night that he was afraid it would be impossible to locate the exact grave. "The nearest I can get to it is that Mrs. Poe was buried in St. John's churchyard, adjacent to the south wall," said Mr. Whitty. "In examining the city records, I find charged the expense of opening a grave there in 1811, just about the time Poe's mother died. While it was stated that this grave was for a pauper, no name is given. By some remark made by a man of good luck the exact spot might be located, but I doubt it. About the most satisfactory arrangement would be to accept the general location as authentic and put the tablet there."

Mr. Whitty has promised to assist Mr. Cowardin in a further search of the records, for he believes that the plan is most worthy.

VIRGINIA DELEGATES

They Are Asked to Attend Southern Sociological Congress.

J. E. McCulloch, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Southern Sociological Congress, arrived in Richmond yesterday for the purpose of conferring to-day with Governor Mann, Dr. Kanter G. Williams State Health Commissioner, and Rev. J. T. Mastin, secretary of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, in regard to the appointment of Virginia delegates to a meeting of the congress in Nashville on May 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Mr. McCulloch said yesterday that he expects this State will be represented by from 100 to 200 delegates, two of whom will be placed on the board of directors of the congress.

He has already visited several of the States, and said that he has found a remarkable response to the movement, which is for the purpose of improving social, civic and economic conditions in the South. One of the most prominent leaders in North Carolina, he said, declared that he regarded the movement as one that would mark a new era in the social and civic advancement of the Southern States.

Following his conferences to-day at the Capitol, Mr. McCulloch will go to Washington for the purpose of enlisting the support of Southern leaders of the government.

WEEK AT CITY HALL

Board of Aldermen to Pass on Big Docket To-Morrow Night.

Because of absence from the city of several physicians whose advice is desired, the joint meeting of the Council Committee on Finance and Poor, scheduled for to-night, has been postponed. The joint session will be called to consider the offer of the Charlotte Williams Corporation to turn over the Memorial Hospital to the city.

The board of aldermen meets tomorrow night with a large docket in prospect, including a bill in the ordinance setting the Seven Pine line, increases in salaries of city employees aggregating \$24,000 per annum, and concurrence in a number of ordinances of general interest.

Other meetings scheduled for this week at the City Hall are:

Wednesday—Committee on Water, 8 P. M.

Thursday—Light, Markets, Grounds and Buildings, 8 P. M.

Friday—Streets, Cemeteries, Street Cleaning, 8 P. M.

MOTORMAN DROPS DEAD

W. E. Page Fatally Stricken at Street Highway Y. M. C. A.

W. E. Page, a motorman in the employ of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, died suddenly yesterday afternoon in the Virginia Railway and Power Y. M. C. A. He had just taken a bath and was dressing himself when he slung forward dead on the floor. The city ambulance was summoned, and Dr. Hulcher answered. There was nothing he could do. Coroner Taylor gave permission for the body to be removed to the home on North Eighth Street, and the body was about forty years old.

He is survived by three children—Misses Hattie and Gertrude Page, and Julian Page. The body will be sent to the morgue.

If the Memorial Road

Which has been proposed to commemorate the celebration in 1915 of the fiftieth anniversary of peace between the North and South is built between Washington and Richmond it will be the means of the greatest possible commercial development of this section of our country. A national highway like this would open up the surrounding country and develop Northern Virginia in the most practical way. The PRACTICAL memorial is the REAL memorial after all.

FIRST REGIMENT TALKING OF WAR

Major Price and His Officers Ready to Go Right Into Mexican Mouth.

GENERAL ORDER IS ISSUED

Command Will Be Recruited to Its Full Strength, With Extra Drilling.

Remembering the old adage, "Be prepared for war in times of peace," Major Lawrence T. Price, commanding the first battalion of the First Virginia Regiment, yesterday held a meeting of all the company officers, and then issued an order directing the company commanders to recruit their commands to war strength and be ready to answer the call to arms.

Major Price believes that the present situation between the United States and Mexico is serious, and regards intervention as the most probable step to be taken by this country. From private as well as newspaper sources, he has learned that the Virginia militia will be among the first to be called out in case of intervention, and he wanted to be prepared.

At the meeting of the officers yesterday all of them expressed an eager willingness and desire to go to the front, and stated that they believed their men would follow.

After this conference Major Price issued his order, and then notified the situation of his action, and also communicated with Colonel Perry. It is also ordered that drills be held twice a week, instead of once a week, as formerly, and company meetings are to be held for the instruction of the men.

Within the next few days Company C will hold an election of officers, and as there are men on the election ticket who have seen active service and others who have attended the military colleges of the State, Company C is expected to be one of the best in the whole regiment.

Major Price stated last night that the battalion is in fine shape, and that it has all war equipment and supplies. The men are enthusiastic and expect that every man would answer the call to go to the front, should President Taft call upon State troops.

All the Virginia military officials look upon the situation with grave and constant communication is maintained between the Adjutant-General's office and Washington.

STABBED ABOVE HEART

Negro Youth Says He Accidentally Cut His Companion.

James Montgomery, colored, seventeen years old, who lives in Fulton, was arrested last night about 6:30 o'clock and taken to the Henrico County Jail, where he was charged with stabbing a companion. Booked about nineteen years old, Booker was taken to the City Hospital, where an examination by Dr. Hulcher showed that a stab wound, about one inch long, had been inflicted just above the heart. While his condition was serious, it was said last night that he would probably live.

The cutting took place near the plant of the Kentucky Tobacco Products Company, Fulton. Montgomery said that it was an accident, and that he and Booker had been playing, when a knife which he was holding in his hand accidentally pierced Booker's breast before he was aware of what had happened.

READY TO RECEIVE HEAD OF W. C. T. U.

Virginia White Ribboners Will Entertain National President on Thursday and Friday.

Officers and members of the Virginia Woman's Temperance Union, not only in Richmond, but throughout the State, are making elaborate preparations to receive and entertain Miss Lillian M. Stevens, of Portland, Maine, national president, and Miss Anna A. Gordon, national vice-president, also officers of the World's Union, who will arrive here Thursday for a stay of two days.

Miss Stevens will make a public address on the subject of "Prohibition in Maine" Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the hall of the House of Delegates. An all-day institute of temperance methods will take place Friday in the methods of the city of Richmond, while Broad Street Methodist Church, which that night Governor and Mrs. Mann will give a public reception at the Executive Mansion in honor of the visitors.

The address by Miss Stevens and the institute will undoubtedly attract a host of White Ribboners from all parts of Virginia. At the temporary headquarters of the union, which have been established at 225 Governor Street, to be continued only through the present session of the General Assembly, inquiries are coming in from persons in many sections who expect to participate in the reception and entertainment of the national officers.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union this year has been unusually active in petitioning the Legislature to pass the enabling act, which would give the people the right to vote upon the question of State-wide prohibition.

The officers of the Virginia Union are as follows: Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, of Lincoln, president; Mrs. Lillian A. Shepherd, of Norfolk, vice-president, and corresponding secretary; Mrs. Faith Thomas Parrott, of Martinsville, recording secretary, and Miss Edie B. Clement, of Centerville, treasurer.

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Beck Condemns the Eiffel Tower

Leaning Tower of Pisa Also Ordered Down as Unsafe. May Raze Coliseum Next.

Somebody—probably the owner of an old shack which was ordered down because of its unsafe and dangerous condition—started yesterday the report, in all seriousness, that Building Inspector Beck had condemned the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa, one of the big and ancient show places in Chevalier Rocchiccioli's native land.

To show how quickly scandal spreads, the report got to Inspector Beck, and, seeing the worry of his friends, he decided to humor it. Then he was called over the telephone and asked for verification.

"Certainly, I have condemned both," he said. "I have notified the Mayor of Pisa and the Fire Chief of Paris that those old structures must come down. Every citizen of Richmond who was born in France or Italy goes back there some time, and naturally they want to go up and see how the towns have grown, and desire to go to the front, and stated that they believed their men would follow."

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COUNCIL TO URGE PASSAGE OF BILL

Danger of Stream Pollution Ably Pointed Out by Health Experts.

Members of the City Council, the Committee on Water, the Board of Health, and the City Attorney will appear before the House Committee on General Laws at a meeting called for Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in support of the bill to prevent the pollution of streams.

The bill has the support of the entire delegation in the House, and a similar paper has also been offered in the Senate by Senator Harman. It requires every person maintaining a manufacturing establishment from which deleterious, noxious or unhealthy waste material may flow or be placed in any river from which any city or town obtains its water supply, shall establish and maintain, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the State Board of Health, a suitable plant for the purification of such waste material so as to prevent the pollution of the waters flowing into such river or its tributaries. Any person who shall not within twelve hours after the receipt of such requirements, or who shall violate the requirements thereof, will be liable to a fine of not less than \$25, each day's continuance to be a separate offense.

A bill having a similar object, but more drastic in its terms, failed last session.

FOUNDERS' DAY AT SHELTERING ARMS

Charitable Hospital Will Observe Its Annual Event To-Morrow.

Founders' day, an annual event, will be observed to-morrow at the Sheltering Arms Free Hospital. Following short devotional exercises, a reception will be held at the hospital, with members of the board of lady managers, of which Miss Frances B. Scott is president, as hostesses. The public is invited.

The Sheltering Arms is a charitable institution, supported almost entirely by voluntary contributions. All patients receive free treatment, and those in position to pay for medical and surgical attention are not admitted. Four hundred and eighty-one patients were cared for in 1911, and the hospital gave 10,000 days of free treatment. One hundred and thirty-four physicians practiced there.

The expenses of the year amounted to \$5,575.75, while the expense per day for each patient was 22 cents. The utmost economy is always observed, and the affairs of the hospital are in the hands of a board none of the members of which receives any compensation for services.

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